

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ELIZABETH R. PADDOCK

Plaintiff,

vs.

PEACEHEALTH, INC. d/b/a ST. JOSEPH'S  
MEDICAL CENTER and PEACEHEALTH  
MEDICAL GROUP, BELLINGHAM  
ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, P.S., FOURTH  
CORNER NEUROSURGICAL ASSOCIATES,  
INC., P.S., NORTHWEST RADIOLOGISTS,  
INC., P.S., DAVID E. BAKER, M.D., JASON M.  
STOANE, M.D., PAUL B. FREDETTE, M.D.,  
JOHN E. MORRISON, M.D., CARMEN V.  
HELLINGA, R.N., DAVID A. FLARRY, R.N.,  
JOANNA B. AXELSON, R.N., CAMILLE A.  
MILLER, M.D., and TUNG M. HA, D.O.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:21-CV-00639-JHC

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

The parties, by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby stipulate to entry of the following protective order.

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, private or proprietary information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with WD LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are

entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal. This agreement and order also does not require any party or person to produce information or records not properly subject to discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or applicable privileges. This Order is a Qualified Protective Order complying with 45 C.F.R. §164.512(e)(1)(v)(A) and (B) and authorizing disclosure of protected health information pursuant to 45 C.F.R. §164.512(e)(1)(iv)(A).

2. “CONFIDENTIAL” MATERIAL

“Confidential” material shall include the following documents and tangible things produced or otherwise exchanged: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center’s medical staff bylaws that were in effect on August 2-3, 2020. “Confidential” material may include “protected health information” as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 and 164.501.

3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential material.

However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

4.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement.

1 Confidential material must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a  
2 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

3 4.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise  
4 ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may  
5 disclose any confidential material only to:

6 (a) the receiving party's counsel of record in this action, as well as  
7 employees of counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
8 litigation;

9 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in house counsel) of the  
10 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the parties  
11 agree that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney's Eyes Only and is so  
12 designated;

13 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for  
14 this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
15 (Exhibit A);

16 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

17 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication  
18 of confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging  
19 service instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to third parties and to  
20 immediately return all originals and copies of any confidential material;

(f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is  
reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
(Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential material may  
not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this agreement;

1 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a  
2 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

3 4.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing  
4 or referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating  
5 party to determine whether the designating party will remove the confidential designation,  
6 whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed  
7 order is warranted. WD LCR 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the  
8 standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material  
9 under seal.

## 8 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

9 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each  
10 party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must  
11 take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate  
12 standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material,  
13 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the  
14 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not  
15 swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

16 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
17 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to  
18 unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary  
19 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions. If it comes  
20 to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do  
not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other parties that it is  
withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this  
agreement (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or

1 ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must  
2 be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

3 (a) Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic documents  
4 and deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
5 proceedings), the designating party must affix the word “CONFIDENTIAL” to each page that  
6 contains confidential material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies  
7 for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by  
8 making appropriate markings in the margins).

9 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial proceedings: the  
10 parties and any participating non-parties must identify on the record, during the deposition, or  
11 other pretrial proceeding, all protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate  
12 other testimony after reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days  
13 after receiving the transcript of the deposition or other pretrial proceeding, designate portions  
14 of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as confidential. If a party or non-party desires to protect  
15 confidential information at trial, the issue should be addressed during the pre-trial conference.

16 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place  
17 on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word  
18 “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection,  
19 the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

20 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party’s  
right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is  
treated in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

1       6.       CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

2           6.1       Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of  
3 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality  
4 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
5 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to  
6 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
original designation is disclosed.

7           6.2       Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute  
8 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding  
9 confidential designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or  
10 in a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer  
11 conference with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action.  
The certification must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith  
effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

12           6.3       Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
13 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under  
14 Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden  
15 of persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and  
16 those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and  
17 burdens on other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall  
continue to maintain the material in question as confidential until the court rules on the  
challenge.

18       7.       PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
19 LITIGATION

20           If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that  
compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as

1 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that party must:

2 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of  
3 the subpoena or court order,

4 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to  
5 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is  
6 subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

7 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued  
8 by the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

9 8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

10 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed  
11 confidential material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement,  
12 the receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the  
13 unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the  
14 protected material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were  
15 made of all the terms of this agreement, and (d) request that such person or persons execute the  
16 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

17 9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
18 MATERIAL

19 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently  
20 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This  
provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery  
order or agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. The parties  
agree to the entry of a non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) as set forth herein.

10. NON-TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving party must return all confidential material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction.

IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD

**DATED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Stipulated Protective Order is approved and entered by the Court. DATED this 10th day of August, 2022.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John H. Chun  
United States District Court Judge

**EXHIBIT A**

**DECLARATION OF \_\_\_\_\_**

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am over the age of 18 years and am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_. I make this Declaration based upon my personal knowledge, and I am competent to testify to the matters stated herein.

2. I am aware that a Protective Order has been entered in *Paddock v. PeaceHealth, et al.*, Case No. 2:21-CV-00639 JHC, United States District Court, Western District at Seattle.

3. A copy of that Protective Order has been shown to me, and I have read and understand its contents.

4. By signing this Declaration, I promise that I will use the materials and contents of the materials designated “confidential” pursuant to the above-described Protective Order for the purpose of assisting counsel for a party to the above-described civil action in the adjudication of that action and for no other purpose.

5. By signing this Declaration, I also promise that I will not communicate, disclose, discuss, identify, or otherwise use materials or the contents of materials designated “CONFIDENTIAL” pursuant to the above-described Protective Order with, to, or for any person or entity other than the Court, a party to the above-described civil action, counsel for a party to the above-described civil action, including other counsel, paralegals, and clerical staff employed in his or her office, persons permitted by the above-described Protective Order to attend depositions taken in the above-described civil action, and persons or entities assisting such counsel who have executed a declaration in the same form as this Declaration.

6. By signing this Declaration, I also promise that I will not copy, transcribe, or otherwise reproduce, or cause to be copied, transcribed, or otherwise reproduced, by any means whatsoever, any materials or the contents of any materials designated “CONFIDENTIAL”

1 pursuant to the above-described Protective Order except to the extent to which I am directed to  
2 do so by counsel for a party to the above-described civil action, in which case all such copies,  
3 transcriptions, or reproductions shall be made solely for my own use in connection with my  
4 work in the above matter. I further promise at the conclusion of this case to deliver all materials  
5 (originals and copies) designated "CONFIDENTIAL" to the counsel who originally directed  
6 that said materials be provided to me.

7 7. I understand that, by signing this agreement, I am agreeing to subject myself to the  
8 jurisdiction of this Court.

9 8. I understand that any use or distribution of the materials or contents of the materials  
10 designated "CONFIDENTIAL" pursuant to the above-described Protective Order in any  
11 manner contrary to the provisions of the Protective Order will subject me, among other things,  
12 to the summary sanctions of this Court for contempt.

13 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
14 foregoing is true and correct.

15 Executed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
16 (City) (State)

17 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
18 Signature  
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